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## Fall Meeting Featuring Tour of Saccone Lab Chamber President to Speak

Join us for the fall kick off meeting on Tuesday, September 16th as we tour the Nicholas D. Saccone Laboratory in the University of Scranton's Loyola Science Center. We will meet there at 6:00 PM, and then head over to The Rose Room in Brennan Hall to hear guest speaker Robert Durkin, President, The Greater Scranton Chamber of Commerce.

Everyone attending the tour is asked to meet outside Loyola Science Center (LSC) at 6:00 PM. You may enter through building #42 off of the Commons (see map on next page). The LSC and St. Thomas Hall meet there, so the entrance to use is the newer (left) one. Go straight down that hallway past the fish tanks, and Renee, our tour guide, will meet us in front of the big screen.

Immediately after the tour, Robert Durkin will speak on "Attracting, Sustaining, Growing" our region. Here's what Mr. Durkin has to say:

You're a healthcare professional, a business-owner and a community member. Each one of these aspects must be successful in order for the others to flourish. While you may not consider yourself first and foremost a businessowner, your success has a direct impact on our local economy in addition to the community's health.

As a business owner, you have witnessed firsthand how our economic climate has become more challenging.

With these changes, The Greater Scranton Chamber of Commerce has continued to evolve and so has the role of its membership. Becoming a member extends foster the beyond networking and marketing opportunities (although we recommend taking advantage of both), it means being of those a part of an organization that is invested in the success of our region.

The Chamber is a multifaceted organization that touches nearly every aspect of our community. Our focus on attracting, sustaining and growing business in our region directs all of our initiatives. Through our economic development programs, The Chamber aggressively markets this area to large businesses, leads industrial development construction projects, and fosters the creation and expansion of small businesses.

While not a government entity, we recognize the importance of working closely with local officials to offer support and to make sure that the voices of our members are heard. Additionally, we work with a variety of partners throughout the region also striving to continuously improve our area. One example of this is the Northeastern Pennsylvania Regional Bioscience Initiative which brought together healthcare, education, government, private sector, and economic development leaders in eight counties to help grow bioscience employment within our region by capitalizing on the worldwide growth of this industry.

Our Leadership programs professional development determined to take



Robert Durkin, President, The Greater Scranton Chamber of Commerce

active roles in our area. The program's unique curriculum incorporates several service projects each year designed to benefit the community while teaching its participants leadership, interpersonal and managerial skills.

The Chamber also plays a critical role in workforce development – bringing together the businesses in our area with our partners in education (students, faculty and school administrators) to make sure that local students are prepared to meet the employment and training needs of our region's largest industries.

Members are the single most important part of our organization. Without them, we simply would not be able to accomplish any of the programs noted here. By becoming a member of The Chamber, you are becoming an integral part of an organization that aims to ensure a high quality of life for all those living and working in the Greater Scranton area.

Please R.S.V.P to Dr. Justin Burns at (570) 346-7301 or jburnsdmd@ gmail.com.



### Golf Tourney

Written by Dr. J.R. Karam The SDDS held this year's golf outing and clam bake on June 18th, 2014 at the Country Club of Scranton. Beautiful weather, well-manicured greens, delicious food, and good company were highlights of the event. Many enjoyed the brilliant sunset from the lawn off the back patio and stayed well into the night for lively conversation. Due to excellent attendance combined with support from our gracious sponsors, the SDDS donated \$1,750.00 to the ARC, which kindly supports our NCDHM events. I would like to thank everyone who attended, acknowledge and thank cochair Dr. Bonacci and his staff, as well as personally express gratitude to Mrs. Heidi Smith, my office manager, for her dedicated efforts in organizing the event.



Making the \$1,750.00 check presentation to members of the ARC are Doctors Matthew Zale, Chuck Scrimalli, Jessica Falk, Joseph Karam, Carol Chisdak (ARC), Don Broderick (ARC), Fred Bonacci, and Stephanie Hanyon.

### Dr. Eli Stavisky Honored



Congratulations to Dr. Eli Stavisky for receiving an honorary Doctor of Humane Letters, Honoris Causa from Saint Tikhon's

Orthodox Theological Seminary. Dr. Stavisky is the longest tenured member of the Board of Trustees in the 75 year history of the Seminary. The primary mission of the Seminary lies in providing the necessary theological, liturgical, spiritual and moral foundations for Orthodox men to become, as God so wills, good shepherds of His Holy Orthodox Church.

We are pleased to share the words of the Seminary as they bestowed this honor upon Dr. Stavisky:

Dr. Eli Stavisky grew up as a little lad across the street from St. Michael's Church in Old Forge. That majestic house of God inspired him to cherish his faith and to live it to the fullest. For the past four decades, St. Tikhon's Seminary has been the beneficiary of his faith and stewardship, running the gamut of service and leadership both within our local Seminary community, and in the community at large.

Dr. Eli is the longest tenured member of the Board of Trustees in the 75 year history of our Seminary. He has served as the first Vice-Chair of the Board since the establishment of that office, providing yeoman leadership to his fellow trustees.

He has served on several committees – most notably as Chairman of the Academic, Faculty and Student Affairs Committee, wherein he worked tirelessly as the liaison between the faculty and the board.

Dr. Stavisky was instrumental in securing full accreditation for St. Tikhon's Seminary – every step of the way; namely, securing authorization from the Department of Education of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania for St. Tikhon's to award the M.Div. degree, back in 1988; attaining associate membership in the Association of Theological Schools in the United States and Canada (ATS) in 2002; earning full accreditation by the ATS Commission on Accrediting, in 2004; and achieving the renewal of full ATS accreditation in 2009.

Dr. Eli spearheaded many charitable evens for the Seminary; I remember when he owned a restaurant, and worked with us to hold an annual spaghetti dinner for the benefit of the school - stirring the sauce, serving the patrons and doing the dishes.

As a successful and respected dentist, Dr. Stavisky has belonged to several professional fellowships, boards, associations and organization, and distinguished himself at his alma mater, Temple University in Philadelphia, spearheading charitable projects there. BUT he also has provided over these many years free dental care for an untold number of seminarians and their families who did not have insurance.

I think the most telling detail of all, though, is that when their beloved daughter Dr. Natasha of blessed memory, was called from this life at too young an age, Dr. Eli and his wife Paula established a Seminary Scholarship Fund in loving remembrance of Dr. Natasha. "Eternal be her memory!"

Dr. Eli's support of St. Tikhon's Seminary...working to achieve its accreditation...serving the faculty and the trustees...initiating several projects and improvements...creating a scholarship fund...caring for the personal needs of seminarians and their wives and children... is a sterling record of stewardship, generosity, and love for the Lord, for His people, and for seminarians who seek to serve in His Vineyard.

To this "litany" of accolades, Dr. Eli would probably respond humbly, in the manner of the good steward in the Scripture: "I have only done my duty..." but our response to his sterling record of stewardship is to present him with this Honorary Doctorate.

### 2015 CE Schedule

We are pleased to announce the 2015 Continuing Education schedule. Watch your mail for the official registration form or check online at scrantondental. org. Remember, there are discounts for registering before December 15, 2014!

#### January 28, 2015

Dr. Edward Feinberg - Diagnostic Considerations & New Treatment Options for Difficult Cases

#### February 25, 2015

Dr. Timothy Halligan - Medical History Myth Busters: Yes, You Can Treat the Medically Complex Patient

#### March 25, 2015

Dr. Scott DeRossi - Diagnosis & Treatment of the Most Common Oral Lesions April 22, 2015

Dr. Howard Strassler - Shift Happens! Problem Solvers for Restorative Dentistry

### Radiology Update **CE** Course

The four-year renewal time is quickly approaching to remain in compliance with the DEP radiology requirements mandated for all dentists and staff members who take x-rays. The SDDS is pleased to provide the opportunity to achieve the four (4) needed CE credits on Friday, January 23, 2015 at Genetti Manor in Dickson City, PA.

Watch your mail for an official registration form, but should you have questions in the meantime, please don't hesitate to contact Dr. Joseph Kelly, Jr. at 570-587-4787 or drkellyjr@gmail.com

### 2014 Officers

Third District Trustee: Dr. Eli Stavisky President: Dr. J.R. Karam Pres-elect: Dr. Justin Burns V.P.: Dr. Stephanie Hanyon V.P.: Dr. Kristin Paoli Treasurer: Dr. Jessica Falk Secretary: Dr. Kurt Wadsworth Bulletin Editor: Dr. Fred Bonacci **Board of Directors:** Dr. Marty Bifano Dr. Fred Bonacci - Editor Dr. Gary Kopesky Dr. Kady Schloesser Dr. Charles Scrimalli



Clarks Summit, PA 18411 242 Noble Road Dr. Amy Cravath, President

<b>General Meeting</b> Chamber Pres Bob Durkin	U of S – Loyola Science Ctr Brennan Hall Rose Room	Sept 16, 2014	6:00PM tour 6:30 meeting
ADA Annual Meeting	San Antonio, TX	Oct 9-14, 2014	8:00 AM
General Meeting	U of S – Brennan Hall Rose Room	Oct 21, 2014	6:30 PM
Third District Annual Mtg CE Course	Woodlands	Nov 7, 2014	8:00 AM
CE Course	Nichols Village	Jan 28, 2015	8:00 AM
Radiology CE Coures	Genetti's	Jan 23, 2015	8:00 AM
CE Course	Nichols Village	Feb 25, 2015	8:00 AM
CE Course	Nichols Village	March 25, 2015	8:00 AM
CE Course	Nichols Village	April 22, 2015	8:00 AM

# Upcoming Events

### President's Letter

Did you know that Scranton was recently ranked by Forbes.com as one of America's best cities to raise a family? Scranton also was named as the number one city in a list of the "10 Best Places to Start Over" by MSN Real Estate, ranking high in everything from job prospects to affordable housing. Whether you have roots and family networks here, moved to the area for a career opportunity, or simply may have chosen this area as one of the most affordable cities in the country, your vision and leadership now play an active role in shaping the environment in which we live and work.

It is in that context that the Scranton District Dental Society transitions to the work of opening our fall general session meetings. Dentists,

as business professionals, healthcare advocates, and prominent community members, can and should serve as agents of change and help drive our city forward. The upcoming meeting on September 16th, 2014 will be held in Brennan Hall at the University of Scranton and will feature Robert Durkin, the new president of the Greater Scranton Chamber of Commerce. I serve as a board member for the Chamber, having held that commitment for nearly three years. I am encouraged and excited by the leadership and directives introduced by Mr. Durkin and the Chamber staff over this past year, and it is with great pleasure that I can introduce him to the SDDS through his letter in this publication and at the podium at our next



general meeting. Specifically, I am inspired and motivated by the Chamber's commitment to a vi-

tal and sustainable economic climate, as evidenced by

their initiatives related to workforce development and their current investigation into the city's financial position and operational plan.

I see the Chamber making a historically consistent and concerted effort to improve the city of Scranton, and I envision the SDDS playing a role as a catalyst for innovation in the scientific and medical fields.

Our September meeting in fact will kick off with a special private tour of a bioscience research laboratory at the University of Scranton named for the late Dr. Nicholas Saccone. This summer marked the one year anniversary of the loss of Dr. Saccone, a past president of the SDDS and one of Scranton's strongest leaders. At the general meeting, following our tour of the bioscience facility, Mr. Durkin will introduce to us the Chamber's workforce development project called the NEPA Regional Bio-Science Initiative.

Workforce development is only one small step to advance the vitality of our city. I encourage our membership to get involved with the Greater Scranton Chamber of Commerce in whatever way you feel can make a positive impact on the place you live and work. My wife and I witnessed firsthand the revitalization of the city of Pittsburgh as students and later as young professionals. Brownfields from a dying steel industry became vibrant arts, cultural, and commercial centers. Progressive educational institutions spawned tech startups and research hubs. I now have an office in downtown Scranton, near a project called "The Renaissance at 500." Again, we feel like eyewitnesses to an urban rebirth. As I walk the few short city blocks to get my afternoon coffee at Northern Lights, I admire the progress underway and imagine a vacant store front on Lackawanna Avenue becoming a local specialty foods market. Or, I look up and consider a potential fine dining establishment with a great view of the city from the top floor of one of the historic buildings around Courthouse Square. I would love one day to catch a train from Steamtown to the JFK airport or the PDA conference in Hershey.

How would you rank your city? Top ten places for young entrepreneurs? Best all-American vacation? One of the best places to pursue the American dream? We just may be America's best kept secret.

J.R. Karam, DMD SDDS-President

# Third District Annual Meeting

Please plan on attending the Annual Meeting of the 3rd District of the PDA on November 7, 2014 at the Woodlands Inn & Resort. There will be business meeting reports, honored guest speakers for organized dentistry, award presentations, and a CE course entitled, "Dental Traumatology, Concussions, and other Sports Dentistry Topics."

Lunch will be served as usual. All PDA members are invited to the Board meeting at 7:00 AM in the adjacent room. For more information, go to the PDA website (www. pdadental.org; Social Network; menu Group-3rd district, go to library).

Presenter Andrew D. Gould, DMD will speak on the following:

Sports Illustrated in 2014 printed that CONCUSSIONS are the most-widely-concerned topic of conversation in sports. No matter where you turn, or what sports page you read, you will see the word "Concussion". Parents are concerned about it. The athletes are concerned about them. And now, as a practicing dentist, there is new technology that proves that YOU should be concerned about the alarming increase of traumatic brain injuries. Learning how your private practice can incorporate concussion-prevention into daily practice will not only benefit your patient-athletes, but will also open a whole new rewarding side to dentistry.

### **QUICK FACTS:**

Date: Friday - November 7, 2014 8:00 to 8:15 Registration 8:15 to 12:00 Presentation 12:00 to 1:00 Annual Meeting & Lunch 1:00 to 3:15 Presentation

#### Meeting Location:

Woodlands Inn & Resort 1070 Route 315 Wilkes-Barre, PA 18707 570-824-9831

**Tuition: \$ 175.00 per Dentist** \$ 75.00 per staff member \$ 300.00 per Non-ADA Dentist

#### Make checks Payable to:

Third District Dental Society Mail Tuition Payment to: Attn: Bob Albrecht Muth & Mumma Dental Lab 1621 Sand Beach Road Hummelstown, PA 17036

# **Board Meeting Minutes**

Submitted by Dr. Kurt Wadsworth

The board meeting was held at Carl Von Luger on 8/18/14 at 6 PM.

#### Present:

Stephanie Hanyon, Amy Cravath, Mark Giallorenzi, Justin Burns, Chuck Scrimalli, Joe Kelly, Marty Bifano, Jessica Falk, JR Karam, Cindy Cox, Matt Zale, Kurt Wadsworth

#### Jess Falk:

- Expenses since last meeting
- Golf outing possibilities for next year and how to improve event

#### JR Karam:

- PDA personal liability coverage for directors & officers will be eliminated as of 9/30/14
- SDDS General session on 9/16
  - Bob Durkin from the Chamber of Commerce will be speaking
  - General meetings 9/16 and 10/21 will be held in Brennan Hall at the University of Scranton

#### Joe Kelly:

 Sponsors and dates for CE are to be announced
Will try to make Radiology CE before license renewal window closes

#### Stephanie Hanyon:

- Donated Dental Service
  - -for patients over 65 or with disability -representative is willing to speak at a general meeting

#### Matt Zale:

• Continuing Education

- Possibility of doing one in honor of Dr. Saccone (with tour of the lab named in his honor at the University of Scranton)

- 3rd District
  - Board meeting 9/3 at 6:30 P.M at Café Isabella
  - Annual meeting 11/7 (Dr. Gould will speak about sports dentistry)

#### Justin Burns:

• Speaker for 10/21 meeting- possibility of Donated Dental Services

#### Chuck Scrimalli:

- Membership drive
  - 72% membership in SDDS
  - PDAIS offers great insurance benefits to members
- Next board meeting
  - February 3, 2014 Cafe Classico
- 8:05 meeting adjourned